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TEXAS DEATH SHIP CARGO A MYSTERY

By Jack Green

HOUSTON, Tex., April 17.—The mystery of the worst industrial explosion in American history is still hidden behind an artificial curtain, as the number of counted dead approaches the 700 mark. "A veil of silence," said James Boyle, Houston Port Agent of the National Maritime

NMU Asks A Full Probe

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Investigate!

The Texas explosion is a horrible disaster.

Is it also a crime?

Senator O'Daniel of Texas seems to be in a panic lest some hidden truths be revealed. Fronting for the Texas magnates, he wants Congress to look for "Communists" in this terrible happening.

Is this stupid, lying, desperate ruse an effort to hide something?

America must know the truth about the tightly-packed chemical and oil factories along the Texas City harbor channel.

What did that French ship carry?

Why do the harbor officials refuse to reveal the ship's manifest, listing its cargo?

American seamen have told an ugly story of callous disregard of safety precautions. Who are the corporation criminals responsible for this?

Let the U.S. Government investigate at once and make the full facts public.

Union, "has been officially drawn around the facts about the cargo in the hold of the S.S. Grand Camp, whose explosion touched off the series of blasts that wrecked Texas City.

"The destination of this French ship is also hidden," said Boyle, who had just finished a tour of the disaster scene.

The ship's manifest, which would reveal the kind of explosives the S.S. Grand Camp carried, is being kept a secret.

Representatives of the E. S. Bennings Co. of New Orleans, the agents for the French ship, have refused to release the manifest to H. L. Hoover, Galveston agent of the NMU.

U. S. Customs officials in Galveston have likewise refused to let the NMU officer see the document that is such an essential link in the investigation that the union is conducting into the causes of the disaster that has just killed several of its members.

While the manifest remained hidden, the Bennings Co. released a statement saying that nothing but nitrates, machinery and coal were on board.

Other press reports said the cargo consisted of nitrates (ammonium nitrate).

These statements were sensationally contradicted, however, by a short item in the Houston Post Wednesday, which said that ammunition was also on board.

Sixteen packages of ammunition, of a size and calibre undisclosed, were on the ship, the Post said.

"I can safely say that it (the ship) did carry ammunition," added W. H. Sanberg, vice-president of the Texas City Terminal Railway Co., who left the S.S. Grand Camp five minutes before the fire that resulted in the explosion broke out.

The evidence that the death ship was carrying ammunition overseas mounted when Second Mate B. H. Lapham, Jr., of the S.S. High Flyer, which later blew up, said that he had heard the S.S. Grand Camp did carry ammunition.

The ammunition was located in the No. Five hold of the ship, according to Lapham's information. Lapham's ship was only two docks away, and he said he had seen smoke coming from the Grand Camp's hold shortly before the fire.

Shocking complacency about the danger of impending explosion was shown by the company representatives of two ships that

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HE DIED IN TEXAS CITY: Testimony to the tremendous force of the Texas City blasts is the limp body of this unidentified victim, pinned to the hull of a 150-ton steel oil barge by its twisted propeller shaft. The barge had been blown completely out of the water by the explosions.

LABOR and the NATION

NMU Seamen Aid Victims, Demand Full Texas Probe

By Art Shields

Something more terrible than ammonium nitrate blasted the Texas City waterfront off the map Wednesday, tanker seamen just in from the Gulf port insist. Some NMU officials emphasized the same point. "I never heard of nitrate explosions rocking communities 100 miles away," said Ferdinand Smith, the NMU secretary, at a special meeting of the union which met to take action to prevent future disasters of this kind.

Smith spoke shortly after scientists at the annual convention of the American Chemical Society at Atlantic City had compared the Texas City blast to "a rather inefficient atomic bomb."

Seamen who had witnessed the explosions of TNT-laden ships that had been hit by torpedoes in the war zones were equally emphatic.

"No TNT blast ever hurled ships to a distance of four and five miles like the Texas City explosion," one such veteran told this writer yesterday.

MYSTERY

Just what was the S.S. Grand Camp, the American-built Liberty ship sailing under the French flag, carrying overseas?

The NMU membership and the national office of the union yesterday demanded the fullest government probe of the causes of this disaster—the worst in American industrial history—which took the lives of several NMU seamen among the hundreds of longshoremen, chemical workers, oil workers and women and children who died.

"This disaster can prove the turning point in our fight for the fullest safety provisions and for insurance for slain seamen," said James Gavin, an NMU tanker patrolman, who was chairman of the meeting.

FORE-WARNING

Gavin, who had visited the perilous Texas City waterfront last week, had warned of the lethal dangers to seamen at this part of the Houston ship channel in a talk to the NMU membership meeting at Manhattan Center Monday night.

Not a cent of insurance goes to the seamen killed in Texas. The inadequate \$5,000 war risk insurance ended with the defeat of the Japanese.

Aid is coming from the NMU na-

Lewis Accuses Krug, Owners

WASHINGTON, April 17.—John L. Lewis testifying before a Senate subcommittee today, accused Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug of "oppression and intimidation" of the miners and of "lying" to dodge responsibility for the Centralia mine disaster.

Lewis had no comment on the government proposal that he and the private mine operators meet April 29 to start discussions on a new wage agreement to replace the government contract which expires June 30.

Elizabeth CIO Rally To Hear Spencer

NEWARK, N. J., April 17.—Kenneth Spencer, noted concert bari-tone and Broadway performer will be the featured artist at a CIO Rally to Defend the Phelps Dodge Workers in the Elizabeth Armory Sunday. The meeting was arranged by the New Jersey CIO as part of the campaign to set aside indictments against 15 Phelps Dodge workers and two union organizers, members of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers, CIO (UE-CIO).

tional treasury, however, while the wounded survivors and the wives and mothers of the dead must bring suit in the courts.

Especially dramatic yesterday was the appeal of seamen Reed, a Texan, for some "real action" at the meeting.

TEXAN'S STORY

"I just got a call through to my wife who lives 17 miles from Texas City," said Reed, a tall intense figure in a leather jacket and dungarees.

She said she was giving shelter to my uncle's children. They are refugees from Texas City, which has been blown to bits.

"Her uncle, she said—they are searching for the pieces of his body in the ruins of the Monsanto Chemical plant, where he was working when Texas City blew up."

There was heartfelt applause for another seaman who demanded that union patrolman and safety committees "sit down" every ship that fails to observe safety precautions.

The NMU flag at 346 W. 17 St. is flying at half mast.



Homes in Flames: Fire rages through Texas City homes following the explosions that brought deaths estimated to total over 1,200. Not a single building escaped damage, and some 300 houses were completely destroyed.

Death Ship's Cargo a Mystery

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blew up, and by the officers of the Monsanto Chemical Co., before the actual disasters.

SHIP NOT MOVED

The S.S. Grand Camp, for instance, was not moved into the midst of the narrow ship channel, when fire first broke out in her hold.

The ship burned for 50 minutes before exploding at the dock.

Many lives of shoreside workers might have been saved had the ship been promptly moved.

Workers in the big Monsanto Chemical plant were not promptly evacuated either, when the fire, that led to the holocaust broke out.

And a representative of the Lykes Brothers Steamship Co. kept denying that there was danger before its vessel, the S. S. High Flyer blew up at 1 a.m. yesterday morning, nearly 16 hours after the series of blasts touched off by the Grand Camp's explosion.

"The vessel has no munitions aboard," asserted J. G. Tompkins, divisional vice president of Lykes Brothers in an issue of the Galveston News that appeared an hour before his ship went up.

Tompkins admitted that the High Flyer did contain some 900 tons of ammonium nitrate, but he expressed himself as confident that this involved no threat of an explosion.

Men died an hour later.

The NMU is so far unable to estimate how many members have been killed or injured. The union's port agent for Texas City, Oliver J. Swanson, was killed on the waterfront. He leaves a wife and six year old boy who were unhurt. Swanson, for many years a member of the Communist Party, was one of the founders of the National Maritime Union.

Bearing the brunt of the explosions and fires were Mexican-American and Negro families living in 300 flimsy shacks near the waterfront. Many homes were demolished.

AFL and CIO unions have mobil-

ized for rescue and relief. The CIO Oil Workers Union, local 449, has about 1800 members in Texas City.

Workers on strike at Shell Oil in Houston, 1500 strong, were readied for rescue work and some are already on the scene, said John Crossland, secretary of Local 367.

Workers at the completely demolished Monsanto plant were AFL members. Amos L. Mayberry, business representative of the Boilermakers Union in Houston declared he had 27 members in the plant and 150 working on construction in the area. Fifty to one hundred members of his organization are standing by for use as burners, riggers, welders and fire fighters.

Texas City was a unionized working class town and the labor movement of all the surrounding areas is mobilized for the immediate rescue and relief work.

Mrs. Lula B. White, dynamic secretary of the Houston National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was on the scene of the disaster, having driven a group of Negro physicians to Texas City. "The explosion tore Jimcrow all to pieces," said Mrs. White. For the first time in history Negro physicians practiced their profession in the John Sealey Hospital of the University of Texas Medical School, and assisting them were white nurses. Negro nurses worked with white doctors on Mexican-American

Harlem Communists To Fete Abner Berry

Harlem Communists yesterday invited all their friends to welcome home Abner Berry, member of the Daily Worker editorial board, at a party Saturday, April 26, at the Lincoln-Douglass Club, 432 Lenox Ave.

Berry has just returned to the Daily Worker after an assignment in Detroit.

Texas CP Offers Services to Aid Blast Victims

HOUSTON, Tex., April 17.—The Red Cross has asked the Communist Party to get blood donors and housing for the blast disaster victims in Texas City. The Party had already volunteered its services.

Oliver Swanson, NMU patrolman at Texas City, who was killed in the explosion, was a member of the Communist Party, as well as a militant veteran and one of the founders of the National Maritime Union.

Texas Tragedy Grist For Red Baiter's Mill

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Even the Texas explosion, one of the greatest peacetime tragedies in U. S. history, is just grist for the mills of the red baiters. Sen. Lee O'Daniel (D-Tex) today introduced a resolution in the Senate calling for an investigation of possible Communist responsibility in the Texas City disaster.

"In view of the high tension of international affairs, and due to a rather large number of fires, explosions, railroad wrecks and other disastrous occurrences in this nation lately, all so nearly resembling disastrous occurrences which preceded our entry into the last war, due largely to Communist underground activity," said O'Daniel.

Cashier Heads Trial Jury

Two men charged with conspiring with a \$64-a-week clerk in a \$780,000 swindle of the Mergenthaler Linotype Company went on trial yesterday, three days after the clerk, W. Arthur Nickel, pleaded guilty.

Julius Lobell, 44, a Broadway and Hollywood character who uses the name "Jimmy Collins," and Irving Cohen, 45, known as "Izzy the Bel," are charged with aiding Nickel in cashing the checks which passed the scrutiny of company officials over a period of months.

A bank cashier, Charles A. Saborite, was chosen as foreman of the jury.

CIO Groups to See Congressmen; Prepare for Rally, Tuesday 5 PM

Five city Congressmen will be visited by labor delegations over the weekend in the city CIO's drive against the Hartley slave labor bill and in preparation for the CIO's Madison Square Park rally next Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Other Congressmen in the city have already been visited by the labor delegations. The five Congressmen who will hear from labor this weekend are Gregory McMahon and Robert Nodar, Jr., Queens Republicans; John J. Rooney, Brooklyn Democrat; Ellsworth Buck,

Manhattan Republican, and Arthur G. Klein, Manhattan Democrat.

CIO locals all over the city were reported active in the campaign against the Hartley measure. Workers in the shops were being contacted by stewards to send protests to Congress and thousands of leaflets are being distributed all over the city.

Tuesday's rally is expected to climax all the local activity with a big demonstration of CIO determination to stop the Hartley measure from becoming law.

Wm. Z. Foster Tells About Rebuilding of Heroic Warsaw

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The Texas Blast Shouts Truths About America

By Joseph Starobin

It's a powerful thing the way that explosion in Texas sweeps all other news off the front page. Politicians like Sen. Vandenberg with all their big talk about the horrors of Communism suddenly seem very small. We flip the radio dials, and pass up the faraway stuff like Korea. A lot of things don't seem to matter much compared with what happened in Texas City.

But it's a strange thing: the more the mind is occupied with the details of the explosion, the more it does bring you back to the issues of foreign policy, to war and peace.

Nobody says it, but everybody thinks: "This is what war is like. This is what our soldiers must have seen." Nobody says it out loud, but everyone thinks: "Suppose it was atomic bombs, instead of ammonium nitrate?" And maybe it was munitions—for whom? Where?

Here it is—the war on our own soil. And then you remember Henry Wallace,

and you make a mental note that our country and the world must avoid war. Then you remember Sen. Vandenberg and the crowd hankering for another war, and forcing policies on us that mean explosions in other lands. And maybe our own?

ANOTHER THING: Notice how the average, ordinary people drop the routine of their lives, and out-do themselves in helping their fellow-men. The explanations and the statements for the press are left to the factory-owners, the mayors, the shipowners.

The masses are supposed to be money-grubbing; "each man for himself," is the motto of capitalism. But a Catholic priest gives his life, tending the wounded. Girls become volunteer nurses. People are dying, and *The People* comes to the rescue.

No, the AT&T didn't grant wage increases, vacations, pension funds and the union shop in view of the disaster, so that the telephones could function. It was the telephone operators themselves who manned their posts, and showed that, whether strikers or not, they are front-line fighters for their neighbors. AT&T doesn't have that kind of ethics. No

telephones would work if it was left to them.

ALL OF a sudden a veil is lifted from the lives millions of ordinary workers lead—always at the edge of hidden danger. The stockholders clip their coupons; the company directors are far away; the bankers hold week-long conventions in French Lick, Indiana.

But, every minute of the day, our workmen are loading dangerous cargo, are swinging on rafters of steel, are climbing ladders alongside of explosive oil tanks.

Capitalism, we are told, is a system of "risk-capital"—the bosses take the risks. Yeah, but who really took the risks in Texas City the other day? Who took them in Centralia, Illinois?

WE ALSO SEE little things about America we didn't see before. For instance, the homes of those Mexican-American and Negro workers right in there among the factories, refineries and ships. Those homes are ashes now. Ashes, also, the great hopes of the Mexican who comes to the fabulous America to escape the miseries of home.

They live on the margins of our society

—the immigrant millions, the Negro millions of our people. You don't see their lives in the movies. You see it only in the klieg lights of these explosions.

IT MUST have been quite a factory, the Monsanto Chemical Corp. plant which produced styrene, an intermediate chemical for synthetic rubber. It must have been a honey, with the complicated distilling columns, the automatic controls, the valves and pressure-tanks: a tribute to our designers, our technicians, our working class skill.

But notice that this plant was built by the government early in the war. The free-enterprisers didn't invest their money in those days when we needed styrene. It cost the government \$19,500,000—money out of your pocket and mine and the dead workers of Texas City.

Then a year ago, the War Surplus Administration sold this plant to Monsanto (which made profits from it all these years) at a cost of \$9,500,000—a discount of 50 percent. A bargain, don't you think, for a plant that supplied 50 percent of the raw materials for that kind of synthetic rubber?

Yes, you learn a lot, don't you, even from explosions?

French CP "Vigilance" Groups Fight De Gaulle

The French Communist Party's political bureau yesterday announced formation of "vigilance committees" throughout France to combat the disruptive efforts of Charles De Gaulle's new political movement.

Premier Paul Ramadier also issued a sharp warning against De Gaulle's tactics at a press conference.

The political bureau declared the De Gaulle party has been called into existence now by "reactionary campaigns being waged in the United States."

"Because of the support being given De Gaulle by American reaction, the policy followed by De Gaulle is liable to favor foreign interference in national affairs," the bureau's statement warned.

"ON GUARD"

Ramadier, apparently referring to De Gaulle's stated intention to "free" the country of political parties, told his press conference:

"He who repudiates national discipline places himself outside the French community."

"He who imprudently issues watch words against national discipline must be placed on guard against himself and we must place public opinion on guard against him."

The French Premier also said there had been no disagreement be-

tween the Communist and other ministers during the cabinet's discussion of the Madagascar revolt the day before.

De Gaulle's movement, "The Reunion of the People of France" against the republican government was organized by 20 of his disciples, with an Alsatian industrialist as chairman of its organizing committee.

SEEKS REFERENDUM

Its stated purpose is to arouse public demand for a referendum on revision of the Constitution.

The Communist Party's political bureau also charged that the "unbending opposition of the American and British delegates to the establishment of Four-Power control over the Ruhr, Germany's arsenal, creates an obstacle to the payment of reparations and compromises France's security."

British Labor Organ Lauds Wallace Talks

The editor of the *Daily Herald*, organ of Britain's ruling Labor Party said yesterday that Henry A. Wallace "has made a sound case and in terms which have inspired his hearers."

The editorial, signed by editor Percy Cudlipp, was printed as Wallace left for the Scandinavian countries to continue his crusade for peace through a stronger United Nations.

Before departing Wallace said that "no solution of the Greek problem is possible without participation of the EAM in the Government."

SLAPS CRITICS

The one qualification of the praise of Wallace of the *Herald* editorial was that "he lets off the Soviet Government much too lightly."

Cudlipp's editorial also slapped the hysterical criticism of Wallace by Tories in America and Britain.

Just before Wallace took off he was given a testimonial letter signed by about 100 members of Parliament.

Wallace made his last speech in Britain last night at a private meeting of MPs.

Tonight he was to speak in Stockholm; Saturday night in Oslo, and Sunday night in Copenhagen.



FEDERAL JUDGE Guy L. Fake, sitting in Newark, N. J., issued the order restraining the state of New Jersey from enforcing its slave-labor law aimed at the phone strikers. The law is inoperative, the judge held, until its constitutionality is considered by a statutory court.

Phone Union Meets AFL, CIO on Added Strike Aid

By Bernard Burton

The New York region telephone strike committee announced last night it is seeking financial assistance and aid on the picket lines from the State CIO and AFL. Earlier strike leaders met with the State CIO and they were scheduled to meet with the AFL Central Trades and Labor Council last night.

The announcement came as Henry Mayer, counsel for the National Federation of Telephone Workers, told an Atlanta, Ga., mass meeting that the strikers were willing to go back to work for a \$6 "down payment" with the final wage settlement and other union demands left to arbitration.

NFTW spokesmen in Washington said that Mayer's statement was in line with union policy.

Joseph A. Belrne, NFTW president scoffed at company claims that a back-to-work movement was underway. Actually, he said, there are more telephone workers out now than when the strike began on April 7.

ACAERS STRIKE

His announcement was backed up by a report that CIO American Communications Association members in Northern California and Nevada had gone out solid and had set up their own picket lines. ACA members on the coast had been merely respecting the picket lines up to now.

In response to the appeal by New York strike leaders the State CIO yesterday issued a call for an emergency meeting of the State executive board, regional directors of all CIO internationals and local coun-

cils, to implement financial and other assistance to the strikers.

At the same time, the New York State CIO immediately sent out an urgent appeal for immediate financial help to more than 700 local affiliates throughout the state.

In New Jersey the phone workers agreed last night to accept compulsory arbitration with the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, but refused to call off the strike during the negotiations.

Meanwhile Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll said in Trenton he was considering asking the legislature to amend the "slave edict's" penalty sections, but refused to say what changes he might propose. Enforcement of its provisions have been blocked by a temporary injunction obtained by the telephone unions.

The American Civil Liberties Union announced yesterday that it would support the strikers in their court action, to be heard before a three judge statutory court in Newark Wednesday, April 23, to test the constitutionality of the law.

In Detroit two telephone unions accused the Michigan Bell Telephone Company of dangling a microphone over the entrance to its Detroit headquarters to record conversations of pickets. The accusations, admitted by a company spokesman, were made before the National Labor Relations Board.

2 Jews to Die In Palestine

Maj. Gen. G. H. A. Macmillan, the British military commander in Palestine, yesterday confirmed death sentences passed upon two alleged members of the Jewish underground and commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of a third condemned man.

The two Jews whose death sentences were upheld are Abraham Barazani and Meir Ben Eliezer Fienstein. He commuted the sentence of Daniel Mordechai Azulai.

A third immigrant who was aboard the refugee ship *Theodore Herzl* died yesterday of injuries he received from blows by a British boarding party. He was Menahem Samet, 28. The other two men died Sunday.

Three ships sailed yesterday for Cyprus concentration camps.

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What's Wrong With Fascism, Congressman Asks

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Three hundred CIO workers from Pennsylvania and Maryland, here to lobby against the Hartley bill, were fighting mad about what they saw on Capitol Hill today.

At a meeting of delegates to report the result of their lobbying, a steel worker from Beaver, Pa., said: "Reaction is running at a terrific high tide in Washington."

A worker from Pennsylvania's 12th District said he was going home to see that labor worked in the wards to "beat the pants" off Rep. Ivon Fenton (R-Pa.).

When delegates told Fenton, in the words of CIO President Phil

Murray, that the Hartley bill is a step toward fascism, the Congressman replied: "What's wrong with fascism?"

Rep. Louis Graham (R-Pa.) refused to shake hands with workers from his community. "You have a nerve calling on me," he told the workers. "I'm against you. I owe you nothing."

Others were more smooth, delegates reported, but a majority were clearly prepared to vote for the Hartley bill. Two exceptions were Reps. Gus Kelley and Francis Walter, both Democrats.

Sen. Edward Martin (R-Pa.) told delegates he would vote for some legislation to weaken labor.

"Get rid of your Communists and racketeers," he said, "or we'll do it for you."

The delegation included workers from Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cumberland and Washington. Unions represented were steel, electrical, textile, clothing, auto, shipbuilding.

A New York delegation of 47 American Labor Party assembly district chairmen, headed by City Councilman Eugene Connolly, were also here to oppose the Hartley Bill. Adoption of anti-labor bills will bring about the greatest setback to capitalism in U. S. history, the delegation said.

NEW YORK

Ask Free Radio Time to Tell About May Day

Fifteen minutes sustaining time without cost to tell the public all about the May Day Parade has been requested of the three major radio chains and key local stations the United May Day Committee announced yesterday.

Joseph Cadden, committee executive director, estimated in his telegraphed requests that approximately 50,000 marchers and 250,000 ob-

servers will participate in the labor demonstration aimed primarily at the defeat of the Taft anti-labor bills and in support of former Vice-President Henry Wallace's interna-

tional peace crusade.

The telegram said, in part:

"On Thursday, May 1, the United May Day Committee is sponsoring New York's annual labor May parade. Hundreds of AFL, CIO, church, youth and fraternal groups are participating.

"On basis of public interest re-

quest you grant 15 minutes your sustaining facilities, date and time subject your program convenience prior to May Day parade for purpose providing interpretation to public on parade purpose, background, history, etc. Offer you as speakers, Howard Fast, author, The American; Paul Robeson; Langston

Hughes, Walter Bernstein, ex-Yank correspondent; Morris Gainer, president AFL Painters District Council 19; either in interview form or panel fashion or such method as you choose. Request your immediate reply. Am releasing this request to newspapers for their information."

THE IRISH COMMUNISTS

By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

A. DAVITT VANECH, assistant attorney general, is chairman of the President's Commission on Employee Loyalty. Based upon the commission's report, President Truman ordered an unprecedented red hunt of all civilian employees of the executive branch of the government.

According to the N. Y. Times this gentleman was trained for 14 years in the Department of Justice by J. Edgar Hoover.



that Vanech is gullible beyond words, or he is an unprincipled, unmitigated liar.

One of these "commandments" is as follows: "Destroy morals, teaching the inexperienced; create an environment satiated with that which the clergy of all sects call immorality," and another, "Encourage workers to participate in disorders, to use brute force, to revenge and not to have fear of bloodshed."

Such vile misrepresentation of the Communist movement is on a par with Goebbels' campaign against the Jews, including the fabricated "Protocols of Zion."

The constitution of the Communist Party U. S. A. makes these provocative statements ridiculous. I am sending a copy to the Holy Name Society of New Bedford, and am suggesting that they invite a representative of the Communist Party to present our views after such a barrage of misinformation.

VANECH made a special bid to his Irish audience, stating that the constitution of Eire (Ireland) "is a manifesto against Communism or any other 'ism' that denies God." I have the Irish constitution before me, have read every line carefully, and I find no reference whatsoever to Communism or any part that can be so construed.

In Article No. 44 on "Religion," not only the Roman Catholic Church but also the Protestant and Jewish faiths are recognized (which may be news to some anti-Semites in the U. S. A. of the Christian Front variety).

Freedom of conscience is guaranteed, and discrimination because of religion is prohibited, with which we Communists are in full accord. The state does not endow any religion, which is likewise true in the U. S. A. and in the U. S. S. R.

VANECH SPOKE of "the peculiar religious and political genius of the Irish people which renders them virtually immune to the subtle poison of Communism." Permit me to enlighten him. There is a Communist Party of Ireland, of which W. H. McCollough is Secretary, with offices at Belfast. Dublin's Mansion House was packed on Nov. 25 last, to hear the Dean of Canterbury speak on "What I Saw in Russia."

There is an Irish-Soviet Friendship Society in Eire. They remember well that the Workers Republic of the Soviets extended a helping hand to the Irish liberation movement in the 20's.

James Connolly the martyred leader of Easter Week, a Marxian Socialist, believed the Irish are naturally Communists, if they are not perverted from their Gaelic traditions. In his "Labour in Irish history" he pointed out that before British rule, Irish land was owned in a communal manner. Private ownership was introduced by the British rulers. Connolly referred to "the Gaelic principle of common ownership by the peo-



SYLVIA STEINBERG, Bronxite, was booked by police on a charge of unlawful practice of medicine after allegedly admitting vaccinating 500 persons against smallpox with water. She was reportedly trying to impress a male friend.

Fur Area Rally Today To Aid Greek People

Local 70, Fur and Leather Workers, with an all Greek-American membership of 2,000, is sponsoring a noon-time outdoor rally in the fur district today (Friday) as part of the tag day activities of American Relief for Greek Democracy.

Councilman Eugene P. Connolly will speak. Radio artist Donna Keith, vocalist Sylvia Davis and Elliot Sullivan, singing star of Brigadoon, will perform. The tag days continue through tomorrow. Fifty thousand dollars is being sought to aid democratic peoples of Greece and orphans of resistance fighters.

CORRECTION

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Jerry Morgan, corporation lawyer who helped write the Hartley slave-labor bill, is registered as a lobbyist for three outfits.

He is listed as Gerald D. Morgan in partnership with Leonard J. Cahoun, and represents

National Rehabilitation Association of Oklahoma City at \$150 monthly, Alaska Transportation Co. of Seattle at \$100 per man day, and Unemployment Benefit Advisors of Milwaukee at \$1,000 per month.

Morgan was incorrectly reported in Saturday's Daily Worker as not being registered with Congress as a lobbyist.

ple of their sources of food and maintenance." There is a concession to this ancient tradition even in the Eire constitution which vests all the natural resources (land, mines, minerals, air and water) in the state. (Article 10). This section sounds considerably like the Soviet constitution.

The real Irish spirit is a rebel spirit. It is expressed in the immortal line "When the law can stop the blades of grass—then I will take the colors out I wear in my corleen" (hat). It is exemplified by people like James Connolly, James Larkin, O'Donovan Rossa (on whose behalf Karl Marx raised funds when Rossa was in prison), Liam Mellows, Michael Davitt, Robert Emmet and a host of others.

Board of Estimate OKs Budget, Airport Lease

The board of estimate yesterday voted unanimously:

- To accept the first billion-dollar budget in city history and amend it to add \$841,440 for vital services.
- To accept the agreement giving the Port of New York Authority 50-year rights to the LaGuardia, Idlewild and Floyd Bennett airports.
- To grant the Department of Health \$500,000 for preventative measures against smallpox.

The budget, which goes to the City council for adoption no later than May 1, is now \$1,031,961,754.

Bronx Works Commissioner Arthur Sheridan approved of all budget items except the \$181,555 appropriation for station WNYC. He said he had been instructed by Bronx Borough President James J. Lyons to vote against it.

AIRPORT GIMMICKS

Controller Lazarus Joseph—while approving the airport agreement, said it was "not an ideal solution." He asserted that he would have preferred the city to operate the fields outright. Joseph predicted that the 50-year lease would not give the city the revenues expected.

The Controller also complained that the contract does not commit the Authority immediately to commence development of the three airports. However, he said, the lease was a short sharp break from the authority's initial offer and granted the city most of its original counter-proposals.

The city is guaranteed a minimum of \$350,000 revenue in the first year of operation and \$450,000 a year thereafter, or 75 percent of the net profits—whichever sum is greater.

The agreement also provides that the controller be permitted to inspect the airport books; commits the Authority to garbage and snow removal and makes it responsible for police and fire control. These obligations will result in a saving of \$300,000 to the city.

Snatched From Death's Jaws

This is the story of a man who didn't die. Run over by a ferry boat, submerged in the cold waters of New York Bay while Harbor craft searched for 20 minutes and finally turned over to city police apparently a corpse, William Schwinger, 60, is alive and kicking today. Bellevue Hospital authorities last night reported him out of the critical stage.

Brought to shore Wednesday morning by the crew of the tug Mary E. Tracy, Schwinger, who had leaped from a State Island ferry, was resuscitated after 40 minutes with inhalators applied by police and Beekman Hospital attendance.

Police credited the saving of the man's life to William Rankowsky, engineer of the tug, who applied artificial respiration to the body before the arrival of equipment.

Rankowsky said the crew had found the body face-downward in a submerged state.

Shucks!

LANSDALE, Pa., April 16 (UP).—After a year's wait, Allen L. Dunagan finally was to get his new automobile today.

But, last night, thieves broke into the Reichley Motors automobile agency and stole the car.

The family of DR. JESSE GLICK

mourns his premature sudden death at the age of 39, on Thursday, April 17th, 3:10 a.m., at his home, 650 Saratoga Ave. Dr. Glick was a practicing dentist at 97 Blake Ave., Brooklyn.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 18th, 11 a.m., at I. J. Morris Funeral Home, 9703 Church Ave., corner Rockaway Parkway Brooklyn.

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Foster Reports: Warsaw Builds Anew

By William Z. Foster

WARSAW, April 5 (By Mail).—In travelling through present-day Europe, one gets accustomed to seeing the destruction caused by Hitler's wild attempt to make German imperialism master of the world. But in this respect Warsaw comes as a real shock. Here are the ravages of war such as are to be found in few places, if any, in the world-wide war zone.



Upon this city, the fascist barbarians unleashed an unparalleled orgy of destruction of human life and property. On all sides are to be seen the most ghastly reminders, in ruined buildings, of the savage fighting and wanton devastation that took place here.

It is estimated that in Warsaw proper, 80 percent of the city's structures were wholly or partly destroyed. Some of this damage, as in many other cities, was obviously military in character; that is, such as is caused by the struggles of modern armies. But most of the destruction was deliberate ruin, brought about by the German invaders to destroy the city. One can travel for hours through

street after street containing mere shells of empty, half-collapsed houses which were systematically burned and dynamited by the Germans.

One of the most striking features of these areas is that there is hardly a single person to be seen in the streets. For who could have any business to do in these long rows of broken skeletons of once big and busy apartment houses and other buildings?

"THE DESERT"

But it is in the neighborhood that was formerly Warsaw's Jewish ghetto that one sees concretized the sadistic fury of the Hitler fascist hordes. For about a mile square the ruin beggars description. The fascists simply obliterated this ghetto. Literally not one stone has been left upon another. This blasted area is now called "the Desert." What were once huge, crowded tenement houses are now mere heaps of broken bricks.

Through these vast mounds of debris narrow, meandering one-track "streets" have been cleared, along which one picks his way precariously. The destruction is so complete that people born and raised in the vicinity cannot recognize where their homes or streets once were.

In order to achieve such utter ruin the Germans had to bomb, mine and burn these buildings again and again, until nothing was left of them but shattered bricks and rubble. In this way the fascists vented their insane hatred of the Jews.

The utterly devastated Jewish ghetto in Warsaw is a horrible monument to the fanatical determination of the Nazis to wipe out the Jews and the Polish nation.

FEW SURVIVED

How many people lost their lives in this terrific destruction in Warsaw will probably never be known accurately, but it surely runs into hundreds of thousands. Poland altogether lost about 6,000,000 in war dead. At the outbreak of hostilities Warsaw was a city of 1,400,000 inhabitants, and when it was finally liberated by the Red Army in 1944, it contained only 100,000 people.

And practically all of these were in the suburb of Praga, across the Vistula River from the main town, where the Red Army was in control for some weeks before the final fall of the city.

During the German occupation, which still remains a vivid nightmare to Warsaw's people, countless thousands of inhabitants of all ages were indiscriminately arrested, shot on the spot, or deported to concentration camps and there brutally done away with.

EASTER REVOLT

During the untimely uprising 1944, led by the reactionary General Bor, at least 200,000 people of Warsaw were butchered and large areas of the city were wantonly destroyed. And in the heroic revolt of the Jews at Easter in 1943, about 40,000 were similarly slaughtered.

At the beginning of the war there were some 400,000 Jews in Warsaw. But now there are only 5,000 left; nearly all the rest being dead. I was told that 60,000 bodies have been dug out of the ruins of Warsaw, and that in all probability many thousands more still lie there buried deep underneath the huge mounds of rubble.

It is small recompense for all this havoc that General Fisher, Nazi governor of Warsaw was tried and shot a few weeks ago.

One of the most moving features in these scenes of war desolation are the occasional graves to be seen with a few names of fallen fighters and a scattering of flowers over the hallowed spots. One grave, on the site of a former hospital, bears the names of a dozen nurses and a man doctor.

THE GRAVES REMIND

And in another spot nearby is the grave of several left-wing commanders of the People's Army in the 1944 uprising, all of whom were killed by a single bomb. On the broken walls, too, are still to be read slogans of the People's Army, urging the people on to fight. These scattered graves, mere specks of recognized heroes in a sea of anonymous human beings who lost their lives here, are tragic reminders of the measureless heroism with which the Polish people met the onslaught by the fascist invaders.

And now the invincible people of Warsaw are bravely rebuilding their war-torn city. Gradually the buildings, only partially wrecked are being put in order, the bridges are being reconstructed, the railroad stations are being made workable once more, and great building programs are being carried out to make the new Warsaw a far more beautiful city than the old Warsaw ever was.

Already, in spite of the incredibly difficult housing conditions, the population of the city has reached more than 600,000, or almost 50 percent of prewar days. I was reliably told that it is expected that the city will be rebuilt in from 10 to 15 years, dependent upon the supply of man power and building materials.

BUILD A FREE LIFE

But far more important than the physical reconstruction of Warsaw and other devastated cities in this country, the Polish



Back From Palestine: Three crew members of the refugee ship Ben Hecht, which was nabbed by the British while trying to transport Jewish refugees to Palestine, arrive in New York. They were deported by the British. Left to right, Harry Schatz, Indianapolis; Jack Windler, Milwaukee; Walter Greaves, Salesville, E. I.

people are building a firm, free republic. This People's Republic, one of the many new democracies now developing in central and Eastern Europe, is marching on to socialism, in ways and with means fitting to the Polish nation and situation.

The Polish people are constructing a regime which, together with those of the other free peoples of the world, will eventually make forever impossible the fascist, imperialist, capitalist lust for power and domination that so barbarously devastated their beloved Warsaw and Poland.

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Bedford County CP Begins Year Of Broadcasts

Special to the Daily Worker

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 17.—The Communist Party of Bedford County has signed a contract for a full year of Sunday afternoon (1:15 p.m.) broadcasts over station WSAR, Fall River, it was announced yesterday.

PITTSBURGH, April 17.—The Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania was invited by the Valley Forum of the Air to participate in a debate on the topic "Should the Communist Party Be Outlawed?" The Forum is broadcast over WKST in New Castle.

CORRECTION

Calvin De Filippis, a member of UAW Local 595, writes in to correct errors in the story of April 12 headed "New Jersey Labor Licks Red-Baiters." The victor who headed the progressive slate and defeated retiring president Taddeo of Linden's Local 595, UAW, is Frank James, not James Frank, as reported. It was Frank Witkus (not Watkins) who polled the highest primary vote and didn't have to go for a run-off in elections for shop committeeman if the Linden General Motors local.

The dropping out of a line of type also caused an unfortunate error regarding elections of Edgewater's Ford Local 906. Frank J. Ellis is the newly elected president, and it was not his group but the supporters of Joseph Eccles who indulged in red-baiting and met defeat.

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CATHOLIC NEWS RETRACTS

IT IS NOT OFTEN that the organ of Cardinal Spellman's archdiocese admits to falsification, especially when the admission is favorable to the Communist Party. Such a redletter day on the calendar of truth was April 5th, when *The Catholic News* was compelled to publish the letter of protest addressed to it by V. J. Jerome (printed in the *Daily Worker* of March 31) and to admit editorially its statement in the issue of the preceding week was not true.

In that statement, occurring in a featured review of the book by Louis Budenz, the paper had tried to peddle to its readers the allegation of Budenz that he had been expressly told by a Communist leader that by the term "separation of Church and State" the Communist Party meant destruction of all religion.

The review added (what was not in the book) that the one who said this to Budenz was V. J. Jerome. Jerome branded that alleged statement as well as the entire conversation in which it was supposed to have occurred as a fabrication from first word to last. He charged that "recourse to such forgeries is a logical imperative in a book whose fundamental thesis based on falsehood."

In its editorial *The Catholic News* states: "Mr. Budenz quoted a Communist as saying that by separation of Church and State he and his associates meant 'the complete control of religion by the Socialist state so that finally we can abolish it.' In the review this statement was attributed to Mr. Jerome who is mentioned in connection with it. He denies he said it. Reference to the passage indicates that he has something there. The statement was made, Mr. Budenz said, by one of the 'mystery men' of the Communist Party, who with Mr. Jerome and some member of the political committee looked over all articles published in *The Communist*." (Our emphasis, Ed. *Daily Worker*.)

This reluctantly admitted "he has something there" is about as

much as one can expect from such a source by way of public apology for deliberate falsification. But one can dispense with apology from those whose relationship to truth is one of contrast. Important is the gain to the interests of democracy in the forced admission and in the publication of V. J. Jerome's letter which sets forth for the first time in truthful language for the readers of *The Catholic News* the position of the Communist Party on the religious issue.

But in admitting its falsification of last week, the paper piles on a new falsification this week. Unable to wriggle out of the mess it has created for itself, *The Catholic News* attempts to shift the authorship of the concocted statement to "one of the 'mystery men' of the Communist Party."

This contradicts what Budenz says in his book, where he speaks of "the comrade assigned by the political committee" in connection with the supposed statement. The contradiction in the two versions presents no lapse of memory in Budenz. It is simply that a falsifier and his accomplices were caught red-handed.

The "mystery man" has to remain unnamed, shadowy, spooky, because he is a spook in the lurid imagination of a traitor to the working class who is working feverishly to cash in on his treason.

The issue is more than this single passage which has been proved a vicious invention. It is more than the tissue of lies and libels constituting Budenz's book—the issue is the concerted plot of fascists and reactionaries in lay and clerical garb to besmirch the Communist Party.

It is to be hoped that this exposure of one of many such libels will bring many who have been hoodwinked by reactionary clerical misleaders to look with clearer eyes at the people's friend and champion, the Communist Party.



"Your Move, AT&T": Only a definite wage offer from AT&T can break the negotiations deadlock, Joseph A. Beirne said yesterday. Shown (left) leaving the Labor Department in Washington, the NFW president criticized Secretary Schwelmbach's plan to end the phone strike for failing to specify pay boosts and nation-wide arbitration. With Beirne (right) are John Moran, NFW vice-president, and an unidentified reporter.

PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER



"There'll be a slight delay in your call to San Simoon till the third vice-president gets back from lunch."

In the Negro Press

JIMCROW FOR EXPORT?

By John Hudson Jones

PITTSBURGH COURIER columnist Horace R. Cayton was "paying my income tax about a couple of weeks ago and began figuring up where my money was going."

When he began to think about "President Truman's pet theory of fighting ideas with dollars and of supporting a defunct, corrupt Greek monarch against the democratic aspirations of the Greek people . . . it made my stomach turn

"And especially I don't like it when America started not only to export her dollars, but to export her ideas." Cayton then cites cases of American race prejudice in Panama and South America. "If America does that in South America . . . what will she do when she gets to exporting my dollars to Greece, Turkey and any other place in the world. . . ? supporting corrupt kings and exporting the color line is a program with which I for one can't go along."

THE CHICAGO DEFENDER sprays perfume over the career of the late Henry Ford. "He had compassion and a high sense of appreciation for those who had to struggle against relentless handicaps," it pines, evidently forgetting Ford's goon squads that cracked workers' heads for joining the union.

Columnist W. E. B. Dubois berates Truman's Greek plan as "the most stupid and dangerous proposal ever made by the leader of a great modern nation."

"The leading minds of the world have advocated some form of socialism for a century. Finally in the twentieth century when 'free enterprise' has well-nigh ruined civilization, Russia proposes a remedy and tries it on herself. You do not like it. Very well; then YOU try something better than a second and third world war."

PEOPLE'S VOICE columnist Ben Richardson disagrees with those who claim only Negroes can play jazz. "It is true jazz originated with the Negro but he does not have any sole racial claim to its progress or development. Some white musicians can play jazz as well as some Negroes and better than a lot."

Richardson mentions such great white jazz artists as Charley Ventura, Bix Beiderbecke, Muggsy Spanier and the original "Dixieland Band" members. He gives much credit to the influence of Negro jazz artists of the past and present but "No race can lay claim to all the credit for its development or blame the other for its failings."

PE ALSO THINKS that

"Henry Wallace in Europe . . . is fighting the same battle which Paul Robeson is waging here," namely, the fight against American imperialism.

THE AMSTERDAM NEWS columnist Lester Granger, who last week warned Negroes against the CP, says, "we Negroes must steadfastly oppose any demand for outlawing the Communist Party." "Any American has the right to be a Communist and to seek any legal ways to change our system of government. This is a basic right in a democracy. When we start to cramp this right we endanger freedom of political belief and action in general."

Reviewer Constance Curtis praises Earl Conrad's book *Jim Crow America* but she thinks he made several "rash generalizations" and that on occasion he "over-gilded the Negro." She holds that Conrad, a white newsman on a Negro paper, "is well acquainted with the fact that discrimination and segregation have wrought their havoc upon the attitude of Negroes as well as whites."

PHYLON writer Alain Locke finds that "The literature of the Negro theme in 1946 has been sober and solid, and on the whole constructively progressive. Indeed if we experience several successive years of such intellectual fare and diet, an intellectual crusade for social health and sanity will be in full swing, and our writers and artists will have paralleled our physical victory over fascism with a psychological conquest of racism, prejudice and cultural intolerance."

THE BLACK DISPATCH comments on President Truman's scuttling of the New Deal. "The man who placed his hand on the Bible and vowed to continue the program of Roosevelt, has unquestionable sold his brethren down the river."

WORTH REPEATING

From a letter by George H. Hallett Jr., secretary of Citizens Union, to the *New York Times*, April 14: "What bothers you (about proportional representation), obviously, is that there are two Communists on the Council, 8.7 percent of the whole body, and we all know that no such percentage of the voters is actually Communist. The fact remains that these particular Communists amassed 138,498 votes, which is 8.2 percent of the total valid vote cast for Councilmen in the city. You couldn't get any closer to accuracy without cutting Councilmen up into fractions."

— Press Roundup —

Panicky Times Asks Congress To Hurry Up

THE TIMES urges an "overwhelming vote in both houses of Congress in support of the President's program" of military aid to Turkey and Greece. It wants such a vote to be "notification to the people of Europe that Mr. Wallace does not speak for the United States." Wallace has called for aid to Greece under UN supervision. Senator Pepper has introduced a resolution to that effect. Even the biased Gallup Poll showed 63 percent of the American people in favor of UN supervision of the aid program. Twenty-three percent opposed it. Draw your own conclusions.

THE NEWS praises Bernard Baruch's plan to prevent overproduction, by increasing the work-week and by preventing labor from getting higher wages.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE'S Walter Lippmann calls for a western bloc and for "uniting our world—which is the greater part of Europe and of the globe. . ." Would Lippmann include the 1,500,000,000 colonial and semi-colonial people in his world? And the people of Britain who support the Wallace program? And the people of France whose government parties sent a joint invitation to Wallace? And the people of America itself, who favor the United Nations against power bloc politics that lead to war?

THE MIRROR argues that "all the great American corporations, no matter how large, are owned by thousands of men and women and even children who, because somebody saved, hold equities in property." Have you gotten your share of the \$12,000,000,000 corporation profits of 1946? And if you're an ex-GI, did the corporations cut you in on that \$51,000,000,000 they made out of your blood and tears?

PM'S Max Lerner notes that Chaplin's film *Monsieur Verdoux* is "as elaborate and satiric 'theory of business enterprise' as Thorstein Veblen ever dared write." Lerner slaps the "obscene spectacle" of the attack on Chaplin the artist and humanitarian.

THE JOURNAL - AMERICAN sees some "strategic islands in the Pacific without American control. . ." Hearst demands that no matter who owns or lives on any Pacific islands the U. S. must take them over. All this in the name of stopping Russian "expansion."

THE SUN'S David Lawrence assails the "possessors of special privilege and the monopolists. . ." But before Rankin gets after him, it should be explained Lawrence means labor unions.

THE WORLD - TELEGRAM wants a "real peace conference" without Russia.

THE POST'S Harold L. Ickes suggests that a bill be drafted to prevent "the economic catastrophe that the economists believe will surely befall unless political jockeying and selfishness recess in favor of statemanship."

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The Nation in Peril

THE Republican-Southern Democratic coalition in control of the House has executed the will of its masters, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers.

As expected, it has passed the Hartley bill to cripple the trade union movement in America and to reduce the workingman once again to the status of an industrial serf.

The historic gains that gave labor a break in its always-unequal battle against the monied power—the National Labor Relations Act and the Norris-LaGuardia Anti-Injunction Act—will be wiped out if this bill should become law, as will many others of labor's hard-won rights.

Company thugs and undercover spies would once again terrorize the industrial towns of America.

The sponsors of this bill have some distance to go before they realize their goal.

The next major engagement takes place in the Senate, which will begin debate on a similar anti-labor bill next week.

It can be stopped if all labor will unite and show by its militancy that it will not permit the corporations to cripple the unions.

IN BACK of these desperate moves to render labor helpless stands the insatiable greed of capital. The inevitable result of this greed is to speed the economy in its mad flight into crisis.

Through the war years, the economic royalists succeeded in forcing out of labor an ever-bigger share of unpaid labor. Since the war, this process has been speeded up.

The gap between what the workers produce and what they have to spend grows ever wider. The share of the national income returned to labor gets ever smaller.

These are the elements that speed up the crisis, that hasten the piling up of goods and capital that cannot be



used. These are the factors that will make the crisis longer and more bitter when it comes.

By moving to bust the unions, big business hopes to prevent the workingclass from fighting back, to open the way for the extraction of even greater value from the workers, while returning them less in wages.

The defeat of these anti-labor measures thus becomes the job of every section of the population that wants to ward off the crisis.

The plan produced the other day by capital's elder statesman, Bernard Baruch, would speed us to crisis. It proposes to increase production by increasing hours, but says nothing about wages. Baruch would shackle labor by denying it the strike weapon "voluntarily," just as the Hartley and Taft Senate bills do by force.

The defeat of these measures of American capital require unity and militancy of labor. It requires too, that all other sections and classes that will be the victims of an economic crash join labor in this fight.

The Senate is now the battleground. Every Senator must hear the public's voice.

May Day will see mighty labor demonstrations in defense of labor's liberties and the very existence of unions as such. May Day's banners will say "Halt the Hartley-Taft Slave Bill."



Letters From Our Readers

Raps Eagle Reply To Cacchione

Brooklyn, N.Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

I am a civic-minded Brooklyn citizen who voted for Peter V. Cacchione for City Councilman.

I want to express my resentment against the Brooklyn Daily Eagle's reply to a letter from Cacchione published March 30. The Eagle slanderously stigmatized all those who helped elect him as being "presumably respectable Americans."

It is evident that the only kind of an election that would conform to their Coughlinite ethics, would be a Hitler Ja election.

However, the people of Brooklyn will not be stampeded by such anti-labor Goebbels' demagogues.

CHAIM.

Agrees with Broadway Beat

Brooklyn, N.Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Although I admired the photographic pageantry of Ivan the Terrible, I agree, and so do other people I know, that the acting was "hammy." Just because the film is from the Soviet Union and directed by Eisenstein doesn't mean we cannot dislike it.

I enjoyed the beauty of Stone Flower. I liked The Turning Point—in fact, nearly all the Soviet films. But Ivan left me cold. If Barnard Rubin feels that way about it, he's justified in so expressing his opinion.

A. ANDERSON.

Wants Pamphlet Of Lu Ting Yi

Yonkers, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

The article in the March issue of Political Affairs by Lu Ting Yi is written in such a simple and clear style that it should be reprinted in the Daily or in pamphlet form and given the widest distribution.

GROUP OF COMRADES.

VIEWS ON LABOR NEWS

A MINE OWNER'S LOVE

By George Morris

DURING THE PAST six years I have been probably more critical of John L. Lewis than any labor writer in the country. But I here want to turn attention upon a particularly dirty sniping campaign being waged against Lewis—really against the miners—by a pint-size Pegler named Victor Riesel.

Riesel's recent obsession with Lewis-sniping is not dissociated from the fact that his column, in the New York Post, is syndicated to a considerable number of papers read in coal areas. Its content explains why coal operators are putting their little influence to bear to bring it to their employees.

Typical of the slimy stuff that Little Pegler has been dishing out in recent weeks is his April 16 column, in which he charges Lewis with "playing politics with dead men," and

"Now is the time to tell him off, to disclose to the country in general—and the miners in particular—how he's exploited their misery for headlines and their sweat and tears for his own power politics."

So Little Pegler undertakes to show that other leaders have done better by the workers than Lewis did by the miners. And his first exhibit, of all people, is James Caesar Petrillo. He concludes that musicians live in clover while miners get "Shakespearean phrases."

ON APRIL 7, when the Centra-
lia dead were not yet buried,
Little Pegler wrote:

"He paved the widows' way
with pennies.

"He wept ever so loudly for the
orphans, but left them in dis-
tress.

"He moaned publicly for the
dead miners. But so dead were
the coal diggers that they could
not be used for the ersatz tears
and drama of the big man who
shouted 'murder' at everyone but

himself, and who kept his silver
tightly tied in his own fashionable
sunlit, antique-filled Virginia
home far from the noisome gases
which turned a coal tunnel into a
mausoleum."

This was the introduction to a
piece in which he called for dona-
tions, through his column, to
widows and orphans of Cen-
tralia's dead because, as he
claimed, the union's treasury gave
only \$100 to each of the survivors.
Incidentally, as Riesel was
typing his stuff, Lewis got the
tri-partite commission super-
vising the Miners' Welfare Fund
to decide to pay \$1,000 to survivors
of coal mines, permanently, no
matter what the cause, with all
miners who died since last sum-
mer covered.

THE SNIPING has been going
on almost daily along the same
lines. And with it is the con-
tinual reminder that Lewis is
planning to tie up the mines on
July 1, and that his "safety
strikes" are not really concerned
with the safety of miners but
aimed at whittling down the sup-
ply of coal so the country would
really suffer on July 1.

This is being fed the public in
face of the most shocking dis-
closures from Illinois on criminal
neglect of mine safety and the
federal government's own report
showing that only two mines in
the whole U. S. A. has a clean
bill of health.

LEWIS, expertly and militantly,
did what every coal miner wanted
him to do. He made everybody in
the country conscious that we
have gas chambers, and at least
a thousand miners a year don't
come out of them alive, and that
it is time something was done.
For the first time mine safety was
really made an issue.

The coal operators and those
responsible in the government
cynically and brutally tried to

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EXETER, Pa., April 17.—The death toll of last week's mine explosion here rose to 10, as one of the injured men died in the Pittston Hospital. Failure of a ventilating sys-

tem at the Schooley Shaft mine was blamed for the explosion by a joint board of federal and state inspectors. The failure, they said today,

A Mine Owner's Love

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draw attention from the blood on their own hands by ridicule of what they called Lewis "theatricals," or charging him with insincerity.

Victor (Little Pegler) Riesel joined in this campaign of diversion in the dirtiest way the camp of Social Democracy (Dubinsky) whence he sprouted, taught him. And this is all the more reprehensible if it is recalled that back in the war days when Lewis earned the attacks of all labor for hurting the war effort, the Little Pegler worshiped at his feet.

Notwithstanding all we have had to say in criticism of Lewis in the past, and may say in the future, in standing up as he did on the injunction fight and in calling the shots on the safety issue as he did, he deserves the support of the miners and all labor. The fact that Little Pegler chose to throw his mud at Lewis precisely when the mine leader does deserve support, should show who is really served by the column called "Inside Labor."

allowed explosive gas to collect in workings. A mine foreman, killed in the blast, was declared negligent in failing to inspect the mine before the men entered it on the morning of April 10.

Continued presence of gas, the inspectors declared, made a full investigation impossible at this time.

Survivors told the Daily Worker last week that they had known the mine was in bad condition and were afraid of it.

4 Lost Weekends

HOLLYWOOD, April 17.—Lawrence Tierney, who specializes in screen criminal roles, today won the opportunity for some first-hand research in county jail where he will spend the next four weekends.

Justice Cecil D. Holland of Beverly Hills imposed the sentence on Tierney for violation of probation on a March, 1946, drunkenness conviction. He suspended a 90-day sentence with the provision that the actor spend his next four weekends in jail.

The judge also added two years to Tierney's probation period and ordered him to refrain from drinking liquor during that time.

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WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35¢ per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum).

Tonight Manhattan

KENNETH SPENCER will be at the dance at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 W. 43d St., Friday, April 18, at 8:30 p.m. Hungarian Dancers, Greek Choral Group, Jerry Mann's Orchestra. Tickets \$1.25. Ausp.: Congress of American Women, 55 West 42d Street.

JOE CLARK, OF THE DAILY WORKER, speaks on "The Meaning of the Present Labor Legislation." Special showing of "Deadline for Action," UE film, 8 p.m. Unity Center, 2744 Broadway, 103d St., B'way-7th Ave. IRT. Randolph Bourne Club, Columbia University.

NEIGHBORHOOD FORUM presents Hal Simon, "Is Communism a Menace?" Also, Johnny Richardson, singing Folk Ballads. 8:15 p.m. 430 6th Ave., second floor. Lower West Side CP.

REVIEW OF THE WEEK. Alan Max, Managing Editor, Daily Worker, opens the Spring term weekly series of news analyses, by discussing "Wallace's Trip, its effect on the Truman Doctrine and 1948." Reactions to Henry Wallace's speeches in London. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave. (16th St.).

DANCE SOCIAL. Folk and Ballroom. Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Dance Arts Center, 149 Second Ave. (9th St.). 50c.

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Tomorrow Manhattan
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goings-on at the Joe Hill Club. Star attractions—John Scully, celebrated ballad singer, plus bazaar, dancing, refreshments. 8:30 p.m. 201 West 72d St., Room 216. Joe Hill Club, Jefferson Section.

Tomorrow Bronx

ATTENTION REP. RANKIN! Cherry (Red) soda will be served at Club Yushin's Spring Shindig, Saturday, April 19, at 2759 Barker Ave., Bronx, (Allerton Ave. station). Send investigator with 40c sub. Hurry up! Club Yushin, AYD, 8:30 p.m.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY DANCE. Proceeds to Sydenham Hospital, Saturday evening, April 19, 8 p.m., at Bronx House, 1637 Washington Ave., near 172d St. Refreshments, entertainment. Club Condors.

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HEADLINE CABARET Sunday, April 20th at 8:30 p.m. Topical satire, dances and songs with Will Geer, Joey Faye, Philip Loeb, Jack Guilford, Art Carney, many others. Old Knicker Music Hall, 1034 Second Ave. Tickets now at Stage for Action, 130 West 42d St., BRYANT 9-1425. Benefit performance approved by Theatre Authority.

NEW DANCE GROUP presents Pearl Primus, in Lecture-Demonstration, African Dance. April 20, 8:40 p.m., at 9 East 59th St. Sub. \$1.50.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

HEAR PHILIP FONER, author, History of Labor Movement, and the United States, Friday, April 18th, 8:30 p.m., Brith, Achim, 11th and Spruce Streets. Subscription 50c. Auspices, Locust Bookshop.

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Featured Programs

MORNING

11:00-WOR-News-Prescott Robinson
• WNBC-Fred Waring Show
WJZ-Breakfast with Breneman
WJZ-Arthur Godfrey
WQXR-News; Alma Dettinger
11:15-WOR-Tello-Test-Quiz
11:30-WNBC-Jack Berch Show
WOR-Kate Smith Serenade
WJZ-Hollywood Story-Sketch
WQXR-Musical Personalities
11:45-WNBC-Lora Lawton-Sketch
WOR-Talk-Victor H Lindlahr
WJZ-Ted Malone-Talk
WQXR-Rosemary-Sketch

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC-Rad Hall, News
WOR-Home Edition-News
WJZ-Kenny Baker Show
WQXR-News; Kate Smith's Chat
WQXR-News; Luncheon Concert
12:15-WNBC-Metropolitan News
WOR-Checkerboard Jamboree
WQXR-Aunt Jenny's Stories
12:30-WNBC-Maggi McNellis, Talk
WOR-News; So This Is Love
WJZ-News; Talk-Nancy Craig
WQXR-Helen Trent
12:45-WNBC-Chow Tunes
WOR-Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WNBC-Mary Margaret McBride
WOR-Ester Half Matinee
WJZ-H. R. Baskhage, News
WQXR-Big Sister-Sketch
• WQXR-News; Midday Symphony
1:15-WJZ-Powers Charm School
WQXR-Ma Perkins-Sketch
1:30-WOR-Listen Here, Ladies
WJZ-Galen Drake
WQXR-Young Dr. Malone-Sketch
1:45-WNBC-Robert McCormick, News
WOR-The Answer Man
WQXR-Road of Life-Sketch
2:00-WNBC-Today's Children-Sketch
WOR-Daily Dilemmas
WJZ-Klennan's Corner
WQXR-News; Program Favorites
2:15-WNBC-Woman in White-Sketch
WJZ-The Women's Exchange
WQXR-Perry Mason-Sketch
2:30-WNBC-Masquerade-Sketch
WOR-Daily Dilemmas
WJZ-Br. G. and Groom
WQXR-Lone Journey-Sketch
WQXR-Curtain at 2:30
2:40-WNBC-Betty Crocker, Talk
2:45-WNBC-Light of the World
WQXR-Rose of My Dreams
WQXR-Music Memory Game
3:00-WNBC-Life Can Be Beautiful
WOR-Maria Deane Program
WJZ-Ladies, Be Seated
WQXR-Bouquet for You
WQXR-News; Recent Release
3:15-WNBC-Ma Perkins
3:30-WNBC-Pepper Young
WOR-Reminiscing with Gambling
WJZ-Pat Barnes, Talk
WQXR-Whiner Take All
3:45-WNBC-Right to Happiness
WJZ-Studio Tour
4:00-WNBC-Stage Wife-Sketch
WOR-Ask Dr. Toby
WJZ-House Party
WQXR-News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WNBC-Stella Dallas-Sketch
4:25-WNBC-News Reports
4:30-WNBC-Lorenzo Jones
WOR-Darryl Gray Show
WJZ-Cliff Edwards, Songs
WQXR-Hollywood Jackpot
4:45-WNBC-Young Widdie Brown
WOR-Adventure Parade
WJZ-Dick Tracy-Sketch
5:00-WNBC-When a Girl Marries
WOR-Hop Harrigan-Sketch
WJZ-Terry and the Pirates
WQXR-School of the Air
WQXR-News; Today in Music
5:15-WNBC-Portia Faces Life
• WOR-Superman
WJZ-Sky King-Sketch
WQXR-Latin-American Rhythms
5:30-WNBC-Just Plain Bill
WOR-Captain Midnight
WJZ-Jack Armstrong
WQXR-Treasury Bandstand
5:45-WNBC-Front-Page Farrell
WOR-Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ-Tennessee Jed-Sketch
WQXR-Secretary of Interior, Julius Krug

EVENING

6:00-WNBC-News; Serenade to America
WOR-George C. Putnam, News
WJZ-News; Sports-Joe Hazel
WQXR-News; Eric Sevareid
6:15-WOR-On the Century-Interviews
WJZ-Ethel and Albert
WQXR-Report from Washington
6:30-WOR-News; Fred Van deventer
WJZ-Allen Prescott
WQXR-Sports-Ped Barber
WQXR-Dinner Concert
6:40-WNBC-Sports; Bill Stern
6:45-WNBC-Lowell Thomas
WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
WJZ-Ed and Peggy Fitzgerald
WQXR-Robert Trout, News
7:00-WNBC-Supper Club Variety
WJZ-Headline Edition
• WQXR-Mystery of the Week
WQXR-News; Concert Stage
7:15-WNBC-News of the World
WOR-The Answer Man
WJZ-Elmer Davis
WQXR-Jack Smith Show
7:30-WNBC-To Be Announced
• WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh
WOR-Henry J. Taylor
WJZ-The Lone Ranger
WQXR-Sound Off-Warner Orchestra
WQXR-String Orchestra
7:45-WNBC-H. V. Kaltenborn
WOR-Sports-Ell Brandt
8:00-WNBC-Highway in Melody; Mac Morgan, Baritone; Paul Lavalle Orchestra
• WOR-Burl Ives, Songs
WJZ-Fat Man-Sketch
• WQXR-Baby Snooks Show
WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WOR-Memorable Moments
8:30-WOR-Leave It to the Girls
• WNBC-Alan Young Show
WJZ-This Is Your FBI
• WQXR-Adventures of the Thin Man
8:55-WNBC-Bill Henry, News
9:00-WNBC-People Are Funny
WOR-Gabriel Heatter
WJZ-Break the Bank-Quiz
WQXR-Glenn Simms Show
WQXR-News; Concert Hall
9:15-WOR-Real Stories
9:30-WNBC-Eob Hapgood, Songs; Evelyn MacGregor, Contralto; Chubris
WOR-Building Drummond-Play
WJZ-The Sheriff-Play

• WQXR-Durante, Moore Show
WQXR-Designs in Harmony
9:45-WQXR-Great Names
9:55-WJZ-Harry Wisner-Sports
10:00-WOR-Meet the Press
• WNBC-Mystery Theatre
WJZ-Boxing Bout
WQXR-It Pays to be Ignorant
WQXR-Nights in Latin America, with Pru Devon
10:30-WNBC-Bill Stern, Sports
• WOR-The Symphonic Orchestra
WQXR-Play-My Friend Irma, with Marie Wilson
WQXR-The Showcase
10:45-WNBC-To Be Announced
11:00-WNBC-News; Music
• 11:15-WQXR-Hour of Symphony
WOR-News; Dance Music

May Day Rally in Worcester April 26

WORCESTER, Mass., April 17.—May Day will be celebrated here with an outdoor meeting on the Worcester Common Saturday, April 26 at 3 p.m. Emanuel Blum, chairman of the Communist Party of New England, will share the platform with Ben Silver, chairman, and Hugo DeGregory, secretary of the Communist Party of Worcester.

Florida Negro Wins in Poll

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 16.—A Negro candidate took second place in a four-man contest for a City Council seat here yesterday, thereby clinching a place in a runoff Democratic primary.

Wilson Armstrong, Negro, topped the votes of two white candidates in the Fifth Ward, largely Negro, but got 278 to the 353 votes of incumbent Claude Smith, Jr., who is white.

On the basis of these incomplete returns, Armstrong will oppose Smith in the April 29 primary

In Akron May 2

AKRON, Ohio, April 17.—John Williamson, national labor secretary of the Communist Party, will be the main speaker at the local May Day Rally on Friday, May 2, 7.30 p.m. at the Tivoli Theater, 645 S. Main St. (opposite the Goodrich Rubber Co.) plant. The Soviet film, "Stone Flower," will also be shown.

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Boston Scribe Says 'How About Us?'

Democratic minded sports writers are looking at Jackie Robinson's presence on the Dodgers and starting to point the finger at their own local ball clubs. Here are some excerpts from an excellent column in the Boston Daily Record of April 12 by Dave Egan, "The Colonel," here with the Boston Braves to cover their series with the Dodgers:

'Twas quite a week. It equally included the fine, fair, fully American ac-

tion of signing Jackie Robinson as the first Negro ever to play major league baseball. And out of the weird, wild week emerges Branch Rickey of the Dodgers, to stand head and shoulders above every one of his contemporaries in the big business of baseball.

This will be construed as an open declaration of war on his part against Commissioner Chandler who, as a Governor and Senator, was not exactly numbered among the progressive forces of the South, and against Larry MacPhail of the Yankees, who fell to brooding over a fancied injustice to the Negro baseball leagues when he, too, was challenged to

give the colored ball player the same decent break that was offered by Rickey.

Certainly Rickey has placed the two of them in an embarrassing position. He likewise has placed every other club in both major leagues in the same position of denying an equal opportunity to certain American citizens because of the color of their skin. How does Eddie Collins of the Red Sox feel about it? How do the Messrs. Perini, Rugo and Maney of the Braves, none of whose ancestors arrived on the Mayflower, feel about it?

Robinson is the same great athlete from whom Collins hid when he reported for a farcical tryout at Fenway Park a

few years back. It was just after the Red Sox had raised their prices. It was during a season when they finished seventh. But Collins preferred a lot of humpty-dumpties who could not play ball to a man who could. So he fled into his office, and locked the door on himself, and that is why I permit others to do the worrying about the Dardanelles and Turkey and Greece and confine my worrying mostly to Boston, Mass.

This, of course, is just a token victory. The war against bigotry in baseball will not be won until every team in every league judges every man on the basis of his ability to play ball.

Dodgers Rout Braves 12-6, Jorgenson Star

Rookie Clouts Homer, Two Doubles—
Reiser Slugs, Jackie
Breaks Ice

By Lester Rodney

A new star may have been born at Ebbets Field yesterday as little Johnny Jorgenson clouted two doubles and a home run to drive in six runs and lead a vicious Brooklyn attack which routed the Boston Braves 12-6 for the second straight victory of the young season.

The 27 year old third sacker, brought up from Montreal for Opening Day in a surprise move, looked for all the world like another Arky Vaughan as he sailed into the ball from a foot-in-the-bucket left handed stance. Short and light, he hit .294 on the championship Montreal team and gave no indication of his latent power on Opening Day when he grounded feebly every time at bat.

The cheers for Jorgenson began just as the cheers for Pete Reiser started subsiding. Pistol Pete, who had a perfect day in the opener with two hits and two walks, rapped out three straight line singles on his first three trips and it began to look as if they would never get him out. But he dribbled in front of the plate on his 4th trip (losing 177 points, as one wag put it) and gave way to a replacement.

Another auspicious event in the two and three quarter hour game played before 11,252 fans on a cloudy, windy afternoon was the first major league hit by Jackie Robinson.

Jackie beat out a perfect surprise drag bunt to open the 5th and break the ice in the hit column. He also wangled two bases on balls to wind up with a 3-for-1 day in his second big league game. In the field he looked easier around first, making a fine quick tag on a hurried deep throw by Pee Wee Reese.

Before the game manager pro tem Clyde Sukeforth said Robinson and Jorgenson, the Montreal pair, would get extended trials and given every chance to start hitting. "I saw enough of Robinson last summer to know he can hit." (Jackie batted .349 to lead the International League in '46)

Branch Rickey revealed that the Brooklyn club is trying to help



JACKIE ROBINSON

Jackie solve his housing problem. At present he is living with his wife and child in a midtown hotel, and would like to get settled in Brooklyn for the season.

Kirbe Higbe started for the Dodgers and was hit hard, being knocked off in a four-run 6th by Johnny Hopp's long double with two on. Harry Taylor and Hugh Casey finished up but Higbe gets credit for the win.

The Dodgers hit big Mort Cooper for three runs in the first on 2 hits, 2 errors and 2 walks and chased him in the 2nd with four more. It was belated revenge for the shutout handed them on the last day of the season in '46, the game that kept them from winning the pennant.

Bruce Edwards connected for three solid hits. He may develop into Brooklyn's hardest hitting catcher. Stanky is the only regular without a hit so far.

When the Braves' touted first baseman, Torgerson, struck out for the third time, the price tag on Howie Schultz probably went up \$10,000. . . . Bruce Snider, hard hitting young outfield rookie, got in and poled a sizzling single to right his first major league time at bat. He went out the second time.

Dodger fans are pennant conscious already—a big yell went up for Cincinnati's 3 run rally against the Cards . . . Dodgers, Phils, Pirates, atop the league with 2-0. Rising respect for the Pirates in evidence.

Vic Lombardi will throw his left-handed slants at the Giants today in the Polo Grounds opener. Dave Koslo will probably make it a duel of lefthanders.

Yanks Rally, Beat A's 2-1

The Yanks split their abbreviated series with the Philadelphia A's by winning a 2-1 ball game yesterday before a slim crowd of 8,350 at the Stadium.

A two-run rally off Dick Fowler in the eighth did the trick as Floyd Bevens hurled a pretty three hitter. Rizzuto singled, Brown sacrificed and Henrich doubled to left to tie the score. Tommy took third after Keller's deep fly and came over when first baseman Sain juggled Berra's bouncer and then threw it away.

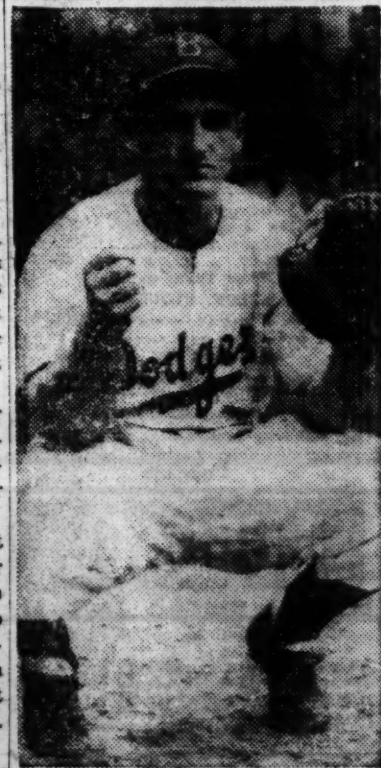


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BOSTON, April 17. The New Haven Railroad announced tonight it was increasing its passenger fares 14 percent effective immediately.

GRID DODGERS SIGN UP TWO NEGRO PLAYERS

The Brooklyn football Dodgers yesterday afternoon signed Elmore Harris and Sam Gamble, Negro stars, to smash discrimination on the Ebbets Field gridiron as it has been smashed on the diamond.

It was also revealed that the Chicago Rockets had signed Bernie Jefferson, ex-Northwestern U. back this week, to bring to four the number of Negro gridgers added to the pro ranks this week. The Los Angeles Dons signed center Tom Brown of North Carolina State earlier.

Harris, known for his brilliant performances on the track, scored 37 touchdowns in two years play for unbeaten Morgan State College in 1943 and 1944, and is rated a great broken field runner. Gamble, however is considered even more valuable by Bill Cox, Dodger owner. Six foot four and 207 pounds, he played end at West Virginia College, a Negro school, and was rated top player in the South.

Harris is a Bronx tailor and a father. He has won national honors in the 600 and the hurdles, and in 1946 he was unbeaten at the Garden in the 600, a feat never before accomplished. In three years track competition he has raced 60 times, won 55 and finished second the other five.

The Daily Worker predicted last month that Harris, a great footballer and in need of funds, would turn to the pro grid.

As Jimcrow disintegrates fast in professional football, there are now nine Negro players signed up, with the Yankee after Buddy Young, ex-

Illinois flash.

Cleveland has Motley, Wills and Gillom; Brooklyn has Harris and Gamble, the LA Rams have Washington and Strode, the Rockets have Jefferson and the LA Dons have Brown.

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FILMS — BOOKS — THE ARTS

By Samuel Sillen

(Concluded from yesterday)

This new volume of selections from the works of Marx and Engels covers several broad topics: the origin and development of art; art in capitalist society; realism in art; literary history.

While these selections are episodic and rather fragmentary, the views of Marx and Engels emerge with considerable coherence. For their literary comments are organically related to their general outlook and method.

A study of the volume should help us deepen and enrich our approach to literature. Marx and Engels do not, of course, provide mental recipes, they persistently warn against dogmas and rigid intellectual schemes.

What is especially valuable here is the method of thought that is revealed.

For the writings of Marx and Engels are a necessary antidote to various types of intellectual flabbiness often expressed in literary criticism. They despise narrow, mechanical, doctrinaire thinking which attempts to squeeze writers into neat, ready-made categories. They are equally merciless, however, with impressionistic criticism, subjective arbitrariness, whims. And they have no patience at all with an unprincipled eclecticism that finds some good in everything no matter how worthless. "This everlasting indulgence in compliments, this eagerness to act the mediator, this mania to play the literary matchmaker and go-between, is intolerable."

It is impossible in this column to develop or even mention all the important leads for critical thinking that are suggested in this volume. I shall mention only a few.

Engels, for example, scorns "an abstract empty interest in literature" that sets literature in a realm removed from life. He stresses the social meanings and purposes of literature. But this is not to say that he is unconcerned

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Clues for a Literary Study
In New Marx-Engels Volume

with literary form. What he values in George Weerth, the "most important poet of the German proletariat" is not merely his ideas as such, but also the fact that Weerth's socialist poems are superior in originality, wit and particularly in sensuous fire. "He often used Heine-like forms, but clothed them with very original and personal content."

In a number of selections here there are important clues for studying the relation of content and form.

The problem of relating a writer to his time, taking into account subtle contradictions, is also suggested in various passages. Goethe, for example, stands in a double relation to the society of his time, Engels noted. Goethe is at times hostile, rebellious, bitter; and at other times he is friendly and accommodating. "Thus Goethe is now colossal, now petty; now a defiant, ironical, world-scoring genius, now a calculated complacent, narrow philistine."

And different artists, with different temperaments, react dif-

Literature and Art by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels: Selections from their Writings. International Publishers, \$1.85.

ferently, as Engels shows in his contrast between Schiller, who fled from a wretched society to the Kantian ideal, and Goethe, who "was too sharp-sighted not to see how this flight finally reduced itself to the exchange of a commonplace for a transcendental misery."

Also writers of different nations must be studied in terms of the specific national development, and not alone in terms of class. Thus, "whatever the defects of Ibsen's dramas, for instance, they nevertheless reflect a world, although petty and middle bourgeois, that is vastly different from the corresponding German world..."

Engels therefore warns that "the materialist method is turned into it opposite when used, not as a guide-line in historical investigation, but as a wedge-made pattern on which to tailor historical facts."

What Marx and Engels valued most in literature and art was realism, truth. The writers they

prized were those who succeeded in capturing the real life of their time. By realism, however, they do not mean a literal, surface transcript of life, naturalism. They mean "the truthful reproduction of typical characters under typical circumstances."

And the question of typicality cannot be separated from the class composition of society, the whole movement of society which Marx and Engels so carefully studied. The English realists whom Marx admired "described every section of the middle class of 'most respectable' pensioners and holders of government bonds, who look down on all kinds of business as something vulgar, down to the small shopkeepers and lawyers' clerks. How well Dickens, Thackeray, Charlotte Bronte, and Mrs. Gaskell have depicted them! Full of conceit, affections, petty tyranny and ignorance—and the civilized world has confirmed their verdict in the damning epigram it has pinned to the class: 'It is servile to its superiors and tyrannical to its inferiors'."

Similarly, Balzac is hailed because his realism so richly and accurately reflected the actual class relations of his time and

the class types who are at the same time—and necessarily for great fiction and drama—completely defined individual personalities.

And it is the working class which welcomes such realism, for as Engels noted 100 years ago: "The bourgeois, enslaved by social conditions and the prejudices involved in them, trembles, bleases, and crosses himself before everything which really paves the way for progress; the proletarian has open eyes for it, and studies it with pleasure and success. . . . Shelley, the genius, the prophet, Shelley, and Byron, with his glowing sensuality and his bitter satire upon our existing society, find most of their readers in the proletariat; the bourgeoisie owns only castrated editions, family editions, cut down in accordance with the hypocritical morality of today."

If in our own day the bourgeoisie glorifies immorality in literature, this is simply another form of expressing its fear of social realism, of everything in literature and art which "really paves the way for progress." In the century since Marx wrote it there has been no cause to revise his observation that "capitalist production is hostile to certain aspects of intellectual production, such as art and poetry." How to combat this hostility is the major problem of the artist, who will find in this volume an invaluable guide to the solution of many vital questions disturbing him today.

Art Today

Lively, Human Work of
Chinese Artist Chien-Yu

By Marion Summers

An excellent exhibition of paintings and drawings by the Chinese artist Yeh Chien-Yu is now to be seen at the New School for Social Research. Yeh Chien-Yu is primarily a cartoonist, but the quality of his drawing and the humanity of his observation raises his art above the purely journalistic.

His works represent a synthesis of the poetic sensitivity of the traditional forms of Chinese painting and the more aggressive realism of Western culture. He combines a fluency of line and a decorative spacing, characteristic of Chinese art, with a more earthly and powerful expression of social life which derives from the tradition of Western caricature. The result is a lively, human, punchy style which still retains an ancient delicacy and poetic feeling.

His parodies of traditional Chinese artistic forms in order to express contemporary political themes, as in Hirohito Prays for the War Spirit or Japanese Military Roots in China, are both witty and forceful. His scenes of life in China under Japanese rule are sharp, bitter and at the same time full of warmth and sympathy. End of Puppet's Life presents a brilliantly painted scene of drunken murder over which fear hovers like a black cloud. Yeh's art has a refreshing simplicity and directness together with a remarkable ease and sensitivity. He has learned much from the West, but he has much to give us in return.

A TALENTED SCULPTOR

David Smith is a sculptor of unquestioned talent; one of the most original and provocative working today. Yet he suffers from a confusion which besets many artists of good will. He is acutely aware of the failings of modern society and he speaks out in his art against its wrong with biting sarcasm. The tragedy is that the world does not hear him.

For, David Smith is a typical product of a contemporary esthetic which is not concerned with communication. Self-expression has become so ingrained

that a work which appears communicative is immediately suspect. A work which is understood by any but the few elect seems to lose face. Denying the audience, the artist has come to speak a completely personal language.

Smith's art is full of a symbolism which is growing more and more Joycean in its involved and esoteric imagery. The complexity which Smith sees as an enrichment of his central idea is actually like a parasitic vine that eventually stifles the thing out of which it grows. What he wants to say is being consumed by an anarchy of introspection. An exhibition of his recent sculpture now at the Buchholz Gallery is evidence of a growing confusion in his art.

Even on purely esthetic grounds Smith's recent sculpture seems confused. In some cases he adheres to the concept of the inviolability of material, and allows the material to dictate the nature of the form. In other cases, he turns around and explores the infinite possibilities of material, even denying its character, making steel look like lace, rope, clay or plywood. The results, though technically brilliant and artistically imaginative, are disconcerting, unsatisfying and sometimes even banal.

There are however still fine pieces in the show. The Spectre, which is a symbol of the race for survival under capitalism, is an image of stark horror. With all its obscurity it is still an original and honest attempt to arrive at a social art. At the other extreme is Tahstivaat, a beautiful handling of steel in abstract form.

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House Passes Hartley Bill to Crush Unions

By Fred Vast

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The House of Representatives took "the first step toward fascism" today when it passed the Hartley slave-labor bill by a vote of 308 to 107. Final vote came after a torrid 6½-hour session, which saw inclusion of two toughening amendments and a face-saving clause.

The 308 votes were cast by 215 Republicans and 93 Democrats. The opposition tallied 22 GOP ballots, 84 Democrat and one American Labor Party — Vito Marcantonio of New York.

Listing 20 rights the bill gives to employers to crush unions, the statement was circulated on the House floor in reply to a Hartley leaflet calling the measure a new bill of rights for labor.

TOUGH AMENDMENTS

Toughening provisions added to the bill today were:

- Forbidding strikes by government employees.
- Denying bargaining rights to unions with one or more officials who in the past belonged to the Communist Party. The measure originally "confined" itself to present members or supporters of the Communist Party.

The House rejected a substitute amendment that would have permitted persons who had been Communists more than five years ago to hold union office. Pleas of some congressmen to the effect that renegade Communists should not be penalized failed to win majority support.

'EQUALITY'

A third revision adopted today sought to appease proponents of industry-wide bargaining without changing the drastic effects of the bill, which prohibits such procedure.

The amendment, backed by the House Labor Committee, forbade employers from engaging in industry-wide bargaining.

Marcantonio remarked "It offers the same kind of equality as that mentioned by Anatole France—the law forbade rich and poor alike from sleeping under bridges."

An amendment defeated a little later would have permitted area bargaining in a single industry to establish uniform working conditions.

UNION SHOP LOSES

Other amendments rejected after spirited debate would have:

Permitted workers to bargain and strike, if necessary, for the union shop.

Permitted collective bargaining on pensions, insurance and hospitalization.

Substituted Presidential seizure powers during strikes in place of injunction provisions.

Ended the law on Dec. 31, 1948, unless extended by Congress.

Most of the changes were offered by worried supporters of the Republicans and seeking to make it a little milder. They were beaten by a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats.

RANKIN TAKES FLOOR

A final appeal by minority leader Sam Rayburn (D-Tex) for defeat of the bill because of its severity was answered by Rep. John Rankin (D-Miss) who declared many of his colleagues would vote with him for the measure. He expressed fear of the successful union organizing drives in the South.

Opponents of the Hartley bill made their strongest showing on a motion to recommit the legislation

to the Labor Committee. They were defeated 291 to 122.

Shortly before passage of the measure, Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas (D-Cal) observed if it becomes law, "America will never be the same again."

But labor circles here were already making plans tonight to shift the fight to the Senate which will take up a slightly milder version of the bill next Wednesday.

The Senate Labor Committee reported out its bill today 11 to 2.

GOP MAYOR REPUDIATES GOP ANTI-LABOR POLICY

BOSTON, April 17.—Mayor Albert Cole, Republican of Lynn, Mass., has repudiated the GOP line and designated April as Defend Labor Month in Lynn, after studying a brief presented by a joint commit-

tee representing Local, UE and Local 20, International Fur and Leather Workers. Cole issued a proclamation stating:

"American production is rapidly being concentrated in the hands of fewer and fewer people, with the resulting ability of these giant monopolies to force prices higher and higher and to reap unprecedented profits. Under cover of hysteria built up by certain selfish and short-sighted banking and industrial interests attempts are being made in Congress and the General Court to pass laws weakening labor's power to bargain for decent wages. Our free enterprise system is being destroyed and the nation sent on the road to a new catastrophe like that of 1929.

"I feel it my duty as mayor therefore to call on our elected representatives . . . to oppose such legislation and to fight instead for restrictions on monopoly controls over business, for adequate housing, for extension of social security, for a fairer tax program, for maintenance of civil rights at home and peace abroad.

"To the end that all citizens may give special consideration to this problem affecting the lives and fortunes of all of us I hereby proclaim the month of April Defend Labor Month."

Special to the Daily Worker

HARRISBURG, April 17.—A big

labor turnout is expected here next Wednesday for a hearing on Republican measures to enact a Pennsylvania "slave-labor" bill.

A suggestion for a one-day united labor stoppage to protest the Hartley Bill was applauded at an overflow meeting of Philadelphia CIO shop stewards and union leaders. CIO Council president Michael Harris, said a citywide CIO, protest meeting would be planned.

Special to the Daily Worker

CHESTER, Pa., April 17.—Mass demonstrations and a one day shutdown would show Congress that labor is determined to defeat the anti-labor bills, Elwood Tobias, president of the Delaware County CIO, said yesterday.

Special to the Daily Worker

SCENECTADY, N. Y., April 17.—A 24-hour nationwide stoppage in protest against the omnibus anti-labor bill was proposed this week by CIO United Electrical Workers Local 301 at its regular meeting.

This local of 15,000 General Electric workers sent a telegram to CIO president Philip Murray proposing such action.

The New York AFL Building Trades Council has also asked national AFL leaders to call a general protest stoppage.

WHAT HARTLEY'S BILL DOES

Principal provisions of the Hartley Bills are these:

• **INDUSTRYWIDE BARGAINING OUTLAWED.** No collective bargaining unit would be permitted to represent employees of competing enterprises, except in a few small plants in a 50-mile radius.

• **CLOSED SHOP ILLEGAL.** No union contract would be permitted which called for hiring of union members only.

• **UNION SECURITY ON ICE.** Contracts calling for all employees to join a union would be permitted only when the employer agreed to bargain on the subject. No strike with a goal of union security would be permitted.

• **INJUNCTIONS GRANTED.** Would allow Department of Justice to get an anti-strike injunction against unions when Attorney Gen-

eral decides that a "threatened or actual" strike imperils public health, welfare or safety.

• **LABOR BOARD ABOLISHED.** Present National Labor Relations Board would be wiped out, with a new "Labor Management Board" in its place to act against unions as well as employers. New independent conciliation service would be created, and an administrator to enforce new act.

• **STRIKE ACTION LIMITED.** Thirty-day cooling-off period would be compulsory. No strike would be legal unless majority of all affected employees have voted wish to strike and to reject management's "final offer."

• **SYMPATHETIC ACTION BANNED.** Sympathy strikes, together with jurisdictional walkouts and any form of sitdown strikes,



by BARNARD RUBIN

WHY ARE the commercial papers so obviously avoiding mention, in their stories of the Texas catastrophe, that the Monsanto chemical plant, which exploded there, is part of the Monsanto outfit which profits from making atomic bombs?

And why aren't they reporting the question which many Texans are asking—that the ship which blew up in the Texas port may have been one of those carrying atom bomb material to foreign bases for stockpiling? . . .

TOWN TALK

Bette Davis is now in Franconia, Me., awaiting the birth of her child, under doctor's care. . . .

Dean White, who clicked as Novak in *The Best Years Of Our Lives*, has been signed to play Billy the Kid in *Return of the Badmen*. . . .

Despite the talk of Artie Shaw and wife Kathleen Winsor (*Forever Amber* author) being, or not being together—they WILL be together at the *Solidarity House* interracial center shindig April 23. . . .

Mike Gordon in town seeing *Another Part of the Forest*, which he'll direct as a movie for Universal-International. . . .

Harold Russell will be made an honorary member of the *Associated Motion Picture Advertisers* at their Hotel Astor dinner, April 23. . . .

Betty Garrett being groomed for more than one top musical in Hollywood. (Has a by-line story in a current movie fan magazine on how and why she married Larry Parks). . . .

After Danny Kaye saw Finian's Rainbow last week he went backstage to greet Anita Alvarez and Don Richards. All three had played together years ago at Camp Tamiment. . . .

Steve Hill, who played the part of Dr. Benjamin in *Waiting for Lefty* took his part seriously. So much so, he managed to get into a hospital operating room and was able to watch two operations before the doctors there discovered he wasn't one of them. . . .

Too bad about *Beggar's Holiday* losing out on the road. Cast will arrive in New York Monday. . . .

Adolph Green, who with Betty Comden wrote *Billion Dollar Baby* and *On The Town*, married Allyn Ann McLeerie who danced in the latter show. . . .

Luther Adler's movie will be titled *Profit by Experience* based on the book of the same name by Jack Iams. . . .

March of Time will camera the May Day Parade. . . .

Milton Berger, Warner Brothers' ace trouble shooter, collaborating on a new play, without taking authorship credit. . . .

Adelaide Klein marrying lawyer Norman Annenberg. . . .

Warners has bought Norman Krasna's play *John Loves Mary*. . . .

The Author Meets the Critics program going from WQXR to NBO May 25. The author and book then will be John Gunther and his *Inside USA*. . . .

Madeleine Lee, who only recently had her baby girl, was back on the *Here's Morgan* program the other night. . . .

Tex Beneke's and Frankie Carle's bands will take over the *Perry Come spot* during the summer months. . . .

Boris Karloff ditto for the *Henry Morgan* show. . . .

People's Songs sent the Centralia miners the 400 dollars profit out of their recent *Hootenany*. . . .

Frank Gould, author of *Tenting Tonight*, will get \$500 for his radio condensation of that play. . . .

Artist Jack Levine, who just won a Guggenheim award, claims he originated the gag that was around town when Margaret Truman sang on the radio: "I wonder who she knows". . . .

NEWSPAPER TALK

The second issue of *Mainstream*, which will hit the stands in a couple of weeks, features an article which will cause a lot of excitement. It's an all-out attack on Andre Malraux by Roger Garaudy, the celebrated French critic. . . .

Lillian Hellman's play, *Another Part of the Forest*, was dedicated to Gregory Zilboorg, the well known psychoanalyst. . . .

Doubleday Doran will publish a biography of Walter Reuther. The book is a butter-up job on the UAW president, written by one of Reuther's Washington press attaches.

Publication is scheduled for September to aid Reuther's campaign for reelection at the Auto Workers Convention in Atlantic City in November. . . .

Milton Murray's supporters in a Salem, Mass. local pushed through a resolution endorsing the red-baiting activities of the Newspaper Guild President.

Witch-hunting in Salem, Mass. sounds familiar. . . .

See you Monday. . . .

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be banned by law. Unions would be subjected to injunctions against these and other normal workers' strike activities.

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Final May Day Conference Saturday

At 1 P.M.
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